

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

If I had finger nails, they'd be bitten to the quick by now as this issue is positively charged with dynamic drama ...

Sonic's imperilled in the past in Return of Chaotix, while the present is threatened by the evil Badnik Army in Brute Force. Nanny Knows Best in the Decap Attack complete story, plus, find out if Knuckles has a ghost of a chance against the Spirit of the Herd in The Gravevard.

Watch out, there's another Badnik about in our centre pages! Plus, there's the conclusion to the Batman Forever Q Zone. Also, as promised, Sega are giving away a mega Sonic & Knuckles Camera to everyone who has their handywork printed in Speedlines. There's plenty to sound off to STC about, so send those letters and drawings in and you too could be snap happy! See you in two weeks time (there's a FREE Sonic Valentine's Card for you to send to a mega-hume of your choice).



STC has conjured up the results to issue 64's happening Halloween issue. All you had to do was name the vegetable commonly associated with Halloween. The answer was 'Pumpkin' and the following entrants names were plucked from Joshua Morris' attic - Well done (and thanks to all other Boomers who entered the Competition).

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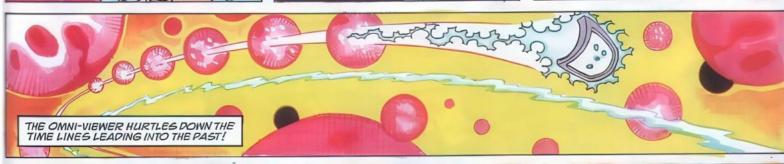






























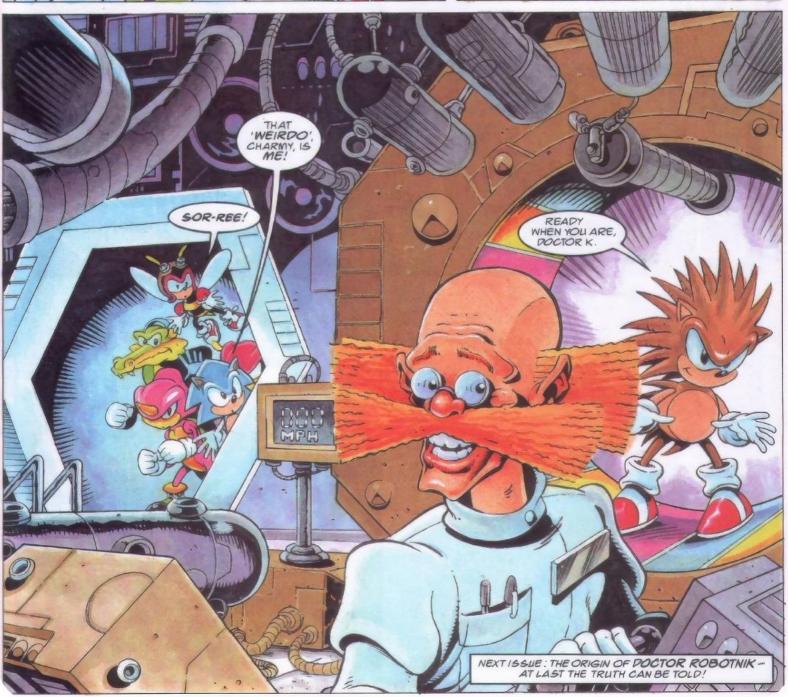












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FIFA SOCCER '96

Reviewed by Chris Jones



GAME TYPE: SPORT PLAYERS: 1-4

PUBLISHER: ELECTRONIC ARTS
PRICE: £44.99









"Goal", "Goal", is the shout heard as your shot hits the back of the net in FIFA Soccer '96.

The game is brought to you by those sports sim kings Electronic Arts, and they've given 110% to make the finest soccer game seen on the Mega Drive yet.

They have improved the earlier versions and crammed in more options than ever before.

FIFA Soccer '96 drops you right in the middle of the world's most popular game. We already know that its graphics, sound and gameplay create an intense soccer atmosphere - but with its new options you can get even more involved with the game. The new facilities include players that react to different coaching strategies, a 'create team mode' that allows you to assemble your own dream team, and a league creation system that enables you to set up leagues







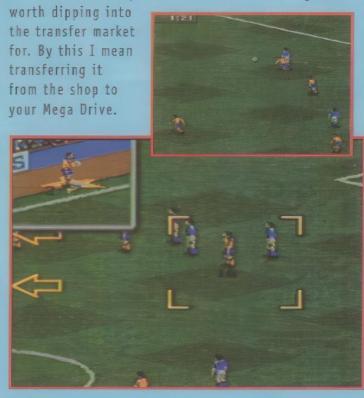
that mirror 300 international club and country teams. Your players will be accurately rated and characterised to play like their real life counterparts. When you pick Manchester Utd., Eric Cantona will be the real "Ooh", "Aah"!

The game is played on a three-dimensional diagonally sloping pitch with a great stadium atmosphere. The graphics are good and the detail of the animation allows for flying headers, overhead kicks, tricky backheel's, one-two's and volley's. The

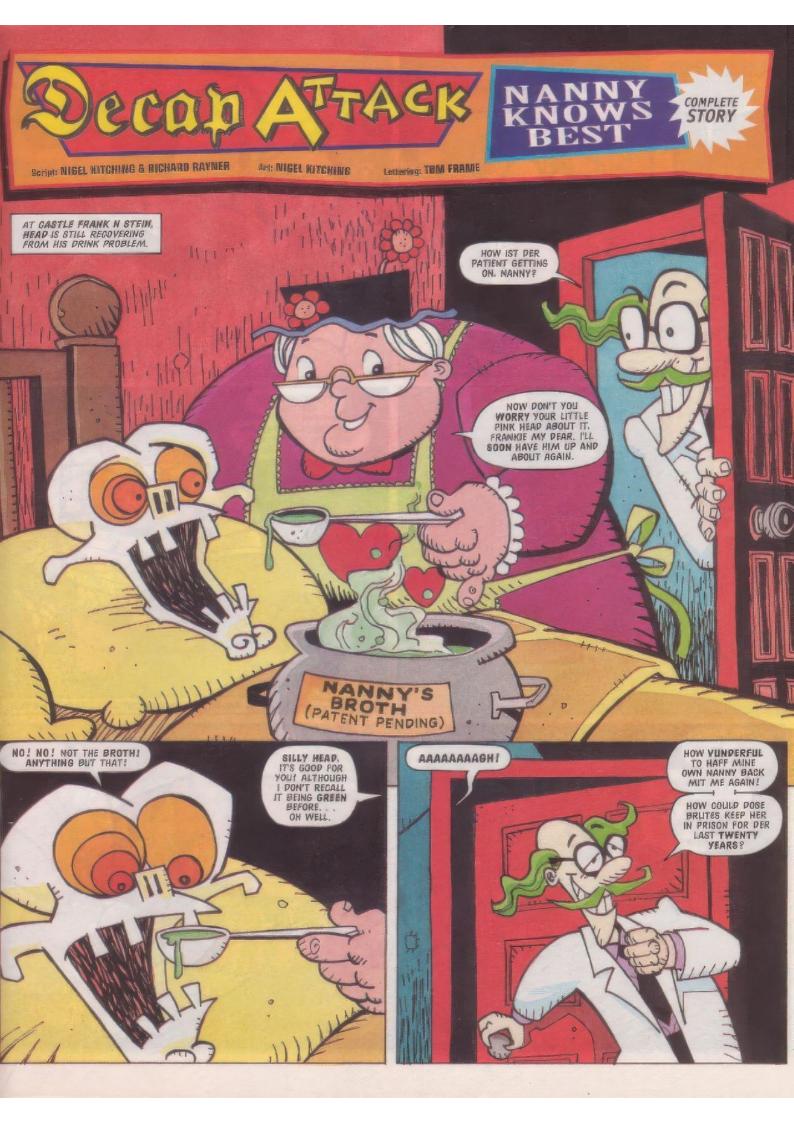


game is harder than the original versions to master. Computer controlled teams are not a pushover anymore. You need to think football to win. Passing, set-plays and patience are the keys rather than punting the ball down field Wimbledon-style and shooting a goal from 40 yards.

FIFA Soccer '96 also has endless play options. You can choose your strategies and opt for 'Attack' combined with a 'Sweeper' system. You can also have practice sessions with your team where you can set up training drills with attackers against defenders. Finally, there is also a transfer market, so you can attempt to buy success. The only criticism is that teams' strips don't always resemble their real life ones. Arsenal don't play in all red shirts! Also perhaps the gameplay suffers from over-complicating all the different options. However, this is a game





































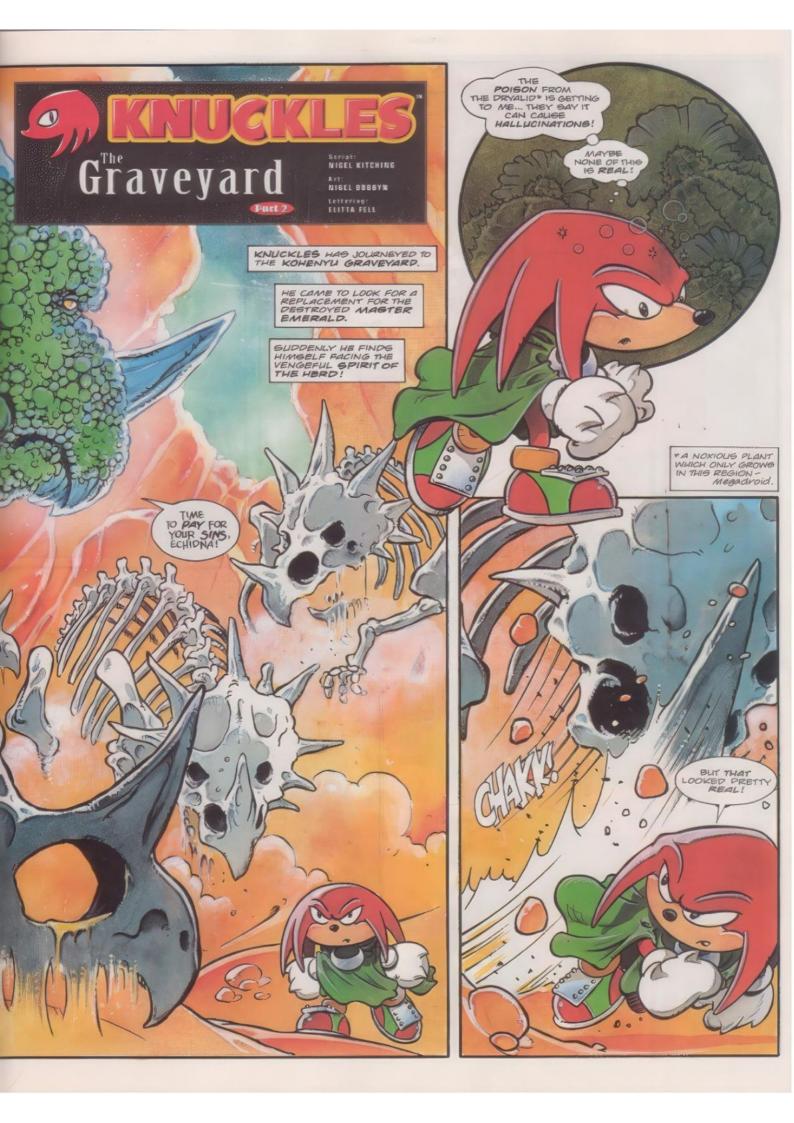




















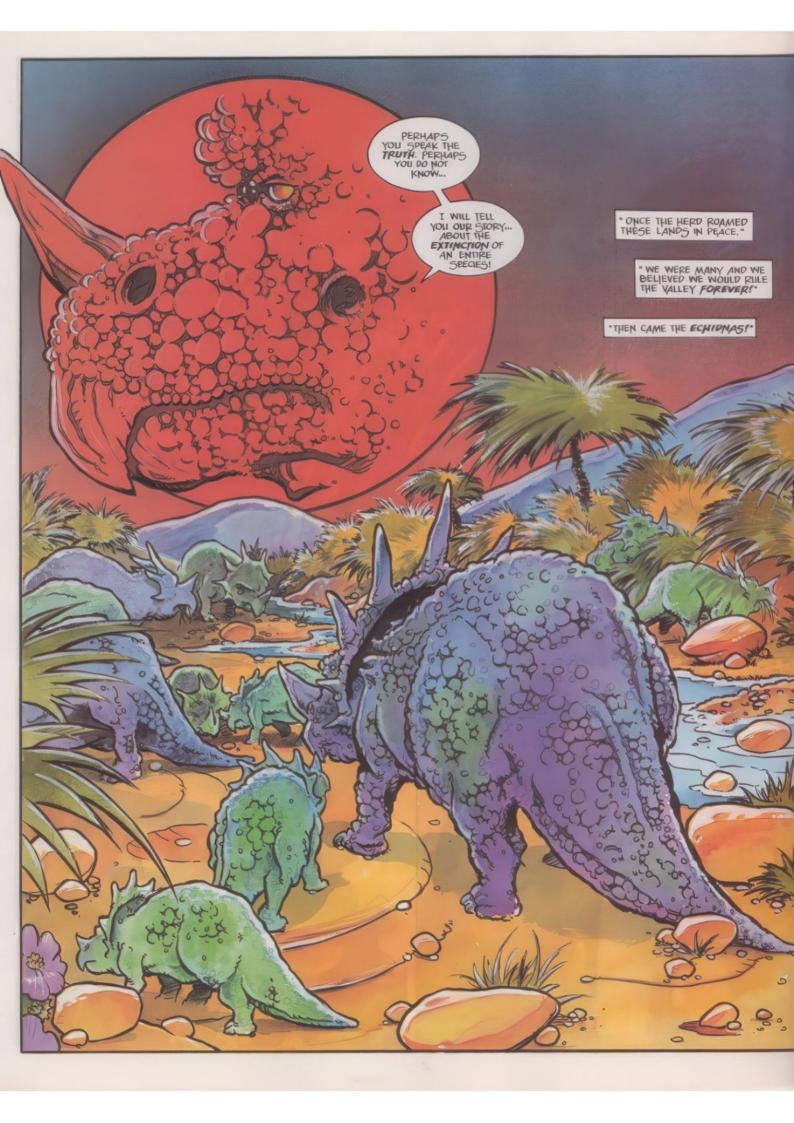
















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Problem Solver: David Gibbon.

BATMAN" FOREVER



SPECIAL Part 2



Welcome to the concluding part of STC's Bat-File, getting you through the trickier parts of this superhero action game. Last issue, we left the Dynamic Duo fighting their way through the Criminal Circus. Now, we rejoin them as they come face-to-face-to-face with Two Face!

LEVEL FOUR - TWO-FACE'S HIDEOUT, WAREHOUSE

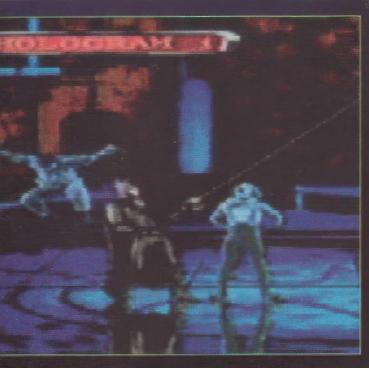
After breaking boxes, head left to discover a secret area and some rather nice collectables! Now, head all the way back and right. Continue right, fighting past

Saboteur and Blackguard, among others. Once you read the part where there's only a small section of platform fire your Bat rope straight up and climb into the crate above. Go right, jumping across each crate until there are no more available. Next, fly right and you'll pick up an extra life!



Once you're back on the ground, head right. Be careful when you come to the giant crushers. As one comes down, quickly jump up and fly over it! When you reach a room with an overhead switch, jump up to move it. Jump onto the crate that falls, then jump up and grab onto the screw. Head right, move another switch, then jump up and grab onto another screw. You'll now head left. Flick the switch when you come to it, and using another screw, head right again.

Once on the ground, go right, through a door to end. You'll then fight Sugar and Spice, after which you'll meet Two-Face himself. You must kill him quickly



therwise his energy increases; the easiest and best ay is to bend down and keep hitting his legs until he rops.

LEVEL FIVE - RITZ GOTHAM

fariy simply level, when you know how!

nsure you drop down the last hole to the right of the evel. If you don't you could be on for hours trying to inish it! Once you're in, make your way across by rabbing onto the screws and flying. Make sure you tay on the left of each platform, however, because the est will collapse! Be warned: some of the baddies on his and future levels have the habit of disappearing! Then this happens, just keep lashing out and hope for he best! Once on the ground, hit the top-left switch to complete the level!

LEVEL EIGHT - CLAW ISLAND

f you've got this far then give yourself a big pat on he back. Only don't get smug as this is the hardest evel in the whole game.

nce inside the brain room you must pass a mental test n order to save Doctor Chase Meridian, which is no asy task! The idea is to swing on the heads that keep oving in and out of the wall. Perfect timing is equired or you'll end up flat on your face. Go round he level touching each green box. Try and get round as ast as possible, otherwise the green boxes will need e-lighting all over again! If you manage to do that,

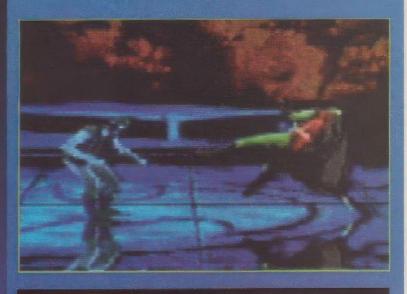


you then get to grips with the Riddler. After that you must face a giant marshmallow-man look-alike Riddler. If you complete that, you'll have completed the game.

Well done and Holy games playing, Batman!

TOP TIPS

- 1. Batman Forever features collectables throughout the game and in many hidden areas. Ensure you pick these as they provide everything from extra energy to an extra life. For example, try kicking the statues and bushes in Level Two!
- 2. The game contains secret areas hidden in every single level. Keep searching high and low - there are loads of them to discover! You can even access one while travelling on the lift in level two!



WEKT ISSUE: BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD.











































Graham Stoddard, Alton, Hants.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Dear Megadroid,

MD Owner.

I have a book called 'Sonic the Hedgehog' which says that Doctor Robotnik was a scientist who helped Sonic until an explosion turned him evil. It even says that Robotnik provided him with his red trainers. Can this be true?

John Foley, Wicklow Town, Rep. of Ireland.

The full facts of Robotnik's origin are revealed in this very issue in Return of Chaotix. How's that for service!



Craig Finch, Blackbird Leys, Oxford. GG owner.

KNUCKLE UNDER?

Dear Megadroid,

I've had an argument with some pals at school. The reaso is that they say Knuckles is a girl, but I know he's a boy! Could you please prove this?

Thomas Bullen, Letchworth, Herts MD owner.



I thought Knuckles wa an echidna, Thomas!

CLEAN SOLE!

Dear Megadroid,

You may think this is a silly question, but why are Sonic's sneakers always so clean?

David Sigley, Crewe, Cheshire.

MD & GG Owner.



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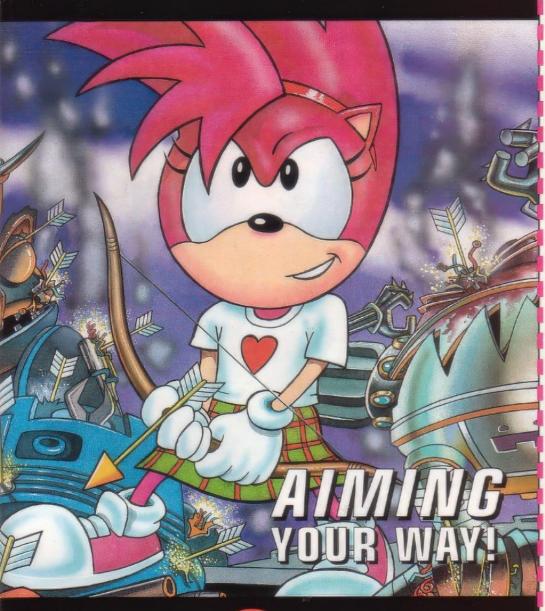


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